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SUBJECT: US-FRG ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: EPA VISIT --
PROJECT ON STACK GAS SCRUBBERS

REF: A. STATE 143104; B. BLANE/KOELBLE MAY 23 LETTER;
C. BONN 10154; D. USBER 1663

1. SUMMARY: REF A EPA DELEGATION WELCOME. PROGRAM
WILL BE ARRANGED FOR WEEK JULY 18, (SEPTTEL). FRG
OFFICIALS WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PROJECT
AND TO
EXPLORE CONTEXT IN WHICH IT CAN BE DEVELOPED. EMBASSY
CONSULTATIONS HAVE REVEALED THAT BMI PLANS DEFER TO
BMFT AND THAT FRG MAY PROPOSE PROJECT BE DEVELOPED
UNDER IEA AUSPICES. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT EPA
DELEGATION BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE ORGANIZATIONAL
ASPECTS OF PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

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2. WITH ASSISTANCE OF USBER (REF D) WE HAVE FORWARDED
REF A LETTER TO DR. KOELBLE AND OTHER RELEVANT FRG
OFFICIALS. RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BMI)
OFFICIAL, DR. DREISSIGACKER, INFORMED EMBASSY SCIENCE
COUNSELOR THAT COOPERATIVE GERMAN-AMERICAN
PROJECT ON STACK GAS SCRUBBERS COULD BEST BE DEVELOPED
WITH MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) WHICH

SPONSORED MOST RELEVANT RESEARCH IN THIS AREA. DR. ZIEGLER, RESPONSIBLE BMFT OFFICIAL, HAS DESIGNATED DR. HOLIGHAUS, JUELICH NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER (KFA), AS THE APPROPRIATE POINT OF CONTACT.

3. ZIEGLER BELIEVES THAT COOPERATIVE GERMAN-AMERICAN PROJECT COULD BEST BE DEVELOPED UNDER INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) AUSPICES. GERMANS HAVE HEARD HINTS THAT BRITISH WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE. IN ZIEGLER'S VIEW, THE BILATERAL (OR POSSIBLY TRILATERAL) SCRUBBER PROJECT COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A NEW AGREEMENT WITHIN IEA CONTEXT.

4. AFTER EXPLORING TRAIL TO END DESCRIBED ABOVE, EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR CONTACTED BMI AGAIN AND CALLED ATTENTION TO EPA'S OBVIOUS DESIRE TO PROCEED WITH BILATERAL US-FRG PROJECT UNDER CURRENT GOVERNMENT - GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. KUPFER, CHIEF OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, BMI, HAD CLEARLY ASSUMED THAT SCRUBBER PROJECT WOULD FIT WITHIN TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SOME EXISTING US-FRG "S&T" AGREEMENT INVOLVING BMFT. WHEN INFORMED THAT NO RELEVANT FORMAL AGREEMENT EXISTED -- EXCEPT FOR "ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT" -- KUPFER AGREED THAT GERMAN AND AMERICAN COORDINATORS COULD PROBABLY EXCHANGE LETTERS TO INITIATE A BILATERAL PROJECT.
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HE FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY IN DOING SO EVEN IF BMFT WERE TO BE GERMAN PARTICIPANT. KUPFER WILL MEET WITH DREISSIGACKER AND ZIEGLER AND DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE SEE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM IN DEVELOPING EPA - BMFT PROJECT UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, IF BMI AND BMFT CAN AGREE TO DO SO. THE CURRENT "TISSUE (SPECIMEN) BANK" PROJECT IS CONDUCTED IN THIS MANNER. HOWEVER, SHOULD BMFT PREFER IEA CONTEXT FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING A DESIRE TO HAVE UK PARTICIPATION, WE ASSUME THAT BMFT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE WILLING TO USE "ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT" WHICH MIGHT COMPLICATE THE PROJECT THROUGH THE NOMINAL INVOLVEMENT OF BMI AS THE GERMAN "ACTION MINISTRY" RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT, EPA, ERDA AND OTHER USG AGENCIES INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES RAISED BY PRESENT GERMAN ATTITUDE. REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP SO THAT WE MAY INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT OF FRG POSITION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

OF EPA DELEGATION. DELEGATION SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE
PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS GENERAL TOPIC.

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